

LAST SPIKE DRIVEN JAN. 22

Gary and Interurban Will Complete Track Laying Next Saturday at Hammond-Tolleston Line

CEREMONY TAKES PLACE

President Frank Gavit's 11-Year-Old Son Will Drive Spike.

Next Saturday has been set as the day for the ceremony in connection with driving of the last spike on the Gary & Interurban, the surface and overhead construction work being practically completed.

While the steel and the trolley wires will be in position then, the line will not be ready for operation by that time, as the road bed must still be ballasted and the track lined in some places.

HONOR FOR LAD.

The honor of driving the last spike falls on Albert Gavit, the 11-year-old son of Attorney Frank Gavit of Whiting, president of the road.

Mr. Gavit was asked today whether a gold spike would be driven into the road bed or not this beyond the sale of

"Money and gold look too good to me to use it to nail down a steel rail even if it signifies the completion of the road."

CORPORATION LIVE SCENE.

The corporation line between Hammond and Tolleston has been chosen as the spot for the driving of the last spike, and it is expected that quite a gathering of people will be present to witness the ceremony.

Hammond people who want to be present may take the local Gary & Interurban car, which leaves Hammond at 1:30 in the afternoon and arrives on time for the ceremony.

The company will in all probability have to use the limit of time in its franchise for the operation of its cars between Hammond and Gary. This time is fixed by the ordinance for Feb. 15.

There has, according to Mr. Gavit, been an unlooked for delay in the completion of the cars that are to be used in the traffic between Hammond and Gary. They were to have been completed long ago, but every letter that Mr. Gavit receives on this subject is to the effect that another unexpected delay in their completion has intervened.

In Hammond a car has been in operation since Dec. 31st. One car runs between the two terminals, but it will be used only temporarily, it having been pressed into use until the regular cars arrive.

HAMMOND REPORTS MANY GRIP CASES

Bronchial Pneumonia Also Quite Prevalent; General Health Good.

Hammond's health is fairly good, thank you. In some quarters there is a little more than the usual number of cold and grip cases. There is also pneumonia, more bronchial pneumonia than lobar pneumonia, a sickness that is always quite prevalent at this time. A limited number of typhoid cases are reported. According to official records there is one case of measles and one of scarlet fever, both of these cases being almost beyond the quarantine stage.

The Times in speaking to the various physicians around town finds that the health of the city this year averages well with last year.

One doctor in speaking of the health of the city said:

"There may be some apprehension in certain quarters, but that may be easily explained by the fact that people who happen to have one or more friends or relatives sick think an epidemic is on. They remind you of the prevalence of sickness when they happen to know a few people who are sick and will overlook an epidemic if it does not strike into their circle of friends. On the whole, I would say that the health of Hammond at this time of the year is fairly good."

CAPT. NORTON TO ACT AS TOASTMASTER

Hammond, Gary and East Chicago Elks Will Have Joint Session.

100 VISITORS ARE EXPECTED

Calumet Region Elks Expect To Be Power at Meeting To Be Held Detroit, Mich.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

East Chicago, Ind., Jan. 20.—There will be a joint session of the Elks of this city, Hammond and Gary this evening, the event to take place in the headquarters of the local lodge of Elks. The session is the second of its kind to take place this winter, and is the result of a plan agreed upon at a joint meeting of the members of the three organizations held last spring.

The first of these social sessions took place at Gary last month and the third and last will be held in Hammond in

the course proper at 8 o'clock.

At tonight's event 100 visitors from the Gary and Hammond lodges are expected to participate in the "doings," and they will be conveyed to the scene in special cars, the Hammond lodge having engaged a special car over the Red line, while the Gary B. P. O. E. will arrive in a coach provided by the South Shore people.

There will be a banquet with lots of good things to eat and there will be toasts galore. Captain H. S. Norton of Gary will serve as toastmaster.

The three lodges intend to attend the grand lodge meeting in Detroit in July, and to act in harmony on every measure upon that occasion. The Calumet region Elks will thereby constitute quite a power, where the lodge individually would not amount to so much. They will wear the same badges, the only distinguishing feature being the name of the city they represent, which will appear on the badges.

CRIMINAL CASES ARE ON TRAIL

The arguments are being heard this afternoon in the cases of the state of Indiana vs. Eddie Hill and Clarence Jenkins, who are charged with stealing a typewriter.

The case against Christ Hill will not come up until after the jury has turned its verdict in the Hammond-Jenkins case. It is understood that Attorney T. M. C. Hembroff of Indiana Harbor is to sit as special judge in the case against Christ Hill.

Christ Hill, it will be remembered, is the ex-convict who is alleged to have knocked over the escort of a Hammond girl and then by coercion and intimidation to have induced her to part with a watch which was on her person. The case has attracted a great deal of attention at the time, for the reason that Hill is alleged to have been guilty of several other thefts of the same nature.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Crown Point, Ind., Jan. 20.—The following marriage licenses have been issued here:

Chester Bursh, Hammond; Bessie M. Walker, Whiting. Oris S. Sloan, Cora L. Strook, Waukegan, Ill. Emil L. Meyers, Laura E. Spray, Leland, Ill. William McGahey, Sudpas, Edith Lehner, Chicago. William H. Petrie, Mayme Bray, Kansas City. Stephen Gungles, Margaret Wellstein, Chicago. John Vargo, Susanna Hudke, Hammond. Orrin G. Shafer, Hazel McFlynn, Chicago. Charles H. Raymond, McCarty, Alma Grace Greisel, Lowell. William Buller, Mary Werner, Chicago. William Schultz, Myrtle F. Warren, Plain, Ill. Byron H. Howe, Clara F. Leaders, Chicago. John W. Howard, Elsie Pluegge, Chicago.

GRAND JURY CALLED

AVIATION MEET IS PROPOSED

Business Men of Hammond, Whiting and East Chicago May Take Up an Interesting Proposition for Purpose of Advertising the region.

Several of the Hammond business men are asking themselves why it is that the cities of Hammond, Whiting and East Chicago could not get together and pull off an aviation meet here for the purpose of advertising the region.

They point to the fact that the science of aviation has now reached the stage where it is most inspiring and exciting sport. There has never been an aviation meet held in the vicinity of Chicago, and with the splendid transportation facilities that are offered by the numerous railroads and interurban lines that run into these cities hundreds of thousands of people would come out to Chicago to see the races.

The commercial clubs of these cities could get together and raise the necessary \$50,000 or \$60,000 that would be required to pull off the affair, and the charges for admission would enable them to about break even on the

league, but of the minors as well.

From Jest to Earnest.

At first the suggestion was made in the form of a joke and then as the matter was discussed it began to look more and more practicable. Hammond would have the entire city of Chicago to draw upon for an affair of the kind and, of course, the interest in the surrounding cities would be great.

While the Cubs races were so far removed from Chicago that it was impossible to induce the crowds to make the trip to Crown Point, a site could be found in the vicinity of Hammond that would make an ideal aviation field and would have the advantage of ideal transportation facilities.

Indianapolis has built a magnificent automobile speedway at a cost of \$250,000. This makes an ideal aviation field, and it is so enclosed that an admission

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F. A. SPIERS TO BE BURIED TO-MORROW

Fred A. Spiers of 365 Beal avenue, who died yesterday afternoon at his home after a short illness, will be buried Friday afternoon. Services will be held at the home at 2 o'clock, after which the body will be taken to the German Lutheran church for services there at 2:30. Interment will be at Oak Hill cemetery.

Mr. Spiers was 27 years old and single. He was employed as a weigher at the coal storage plant and had been sick for less than a month. He is survived by his mother, two sisters—one of whom is Mrs. M. P. Nelson—and three younger brothers. His step-father, William Klebs, died last summer.

Mr. Spiers was well known in Hammond and was popular with everybody who knew him. His untimely death is a matter of deep sympathy from scores of friends of the family.

NEW CASES IN CIRCUIT COURT

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Crown Point, Ind., Jan. 20.—The following new cases have been filed in the circuit court:

The Creamery Package Manufacturing Co. vs. William K. Keilman et al. On account. Barr & Wheeler, attorneys.

Della B. Haugh vs. William F. Haugh. Divorce. Gottlieb & Dunn, attorneys.

Nevin McConnell vs. Joseph McConnell. Suit on note. J. Frank Meeker, attorney.

PATROL DRILL.

This is patrol drill night at the Shrine at Masonic temple. Volunteers are asked to be on hand.

FUN STARTS AT HUB NEXT MONDAY

A special venire of men has been selected from which the special grand jury, which is to take up the "blind pig" cases in Gary, will be drawn. This grand jury is to meet Monday and Attorney Otto Bruce of Crown Point has been appointed to assist Prosecuting Attorney Charles Greenwald in the case.

It will be remembered that a number of "blind pig" keepers from Gary were indicted and that their cases were thrown out of court on account of faulty indictments.

In many of these cases the guilt was so apparent, because of the fact that saloon fixtures and the liquor itself had been confiscated, that there was general indignation over the county over the release of these men.

LAYS IT AT MATTHEWS' DOOR.

Prosecuting Attorney Charles Greenwald declines to take the responsibility for the faulty drawing of these indictments. He claims that they were drawn by Attorney Matthews of the Anti-Saloon league, who has recently

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MINAS BUYS OUT

E. M. DICKINSON

Second Hand Man Buys Out Music Store on State Street.

Emil Minas, who conducts a new and second-hand store and storage business at 316-18 State street, has bought out the entire music stock of Edwin M. Dickinson at 182 State street, and will continue that business under the management of Miss Mary Rahen. The stock will be enlarged and a full line carried in everything musical.

Mr. Dickinson, who has built up a good business in the place will leave for the south, taking his family with him, the change being necessary for Mr. Dickinson owing to his health.

Noted Bishop Is Critically Ill



BISHOP CYRUS D. FOSS

Philadelphia dispatches reported no improvement yesterday in the condition of Bishop Foss of the Methodist church, whose condition is extremely grave. Bishop Foss is 76 years old.

THE JUDGE GIVES HIM A CHANCE

Stanley Kolonsko Pleads Drunkenness as an Excuse After Having Two Chances, and Court Gives Him Trip to Jeffersonville.

"I've never had a chance, judge, I stole those bicycles when I was drunk." In this manner Stanley Kolonski attempted to play on the sympathy of the court.

Chief of Police Peter Austgen was called to the witness stand and told of several bicycles that had been stolen by the defendant, who, according to the testimony of the chief, is one of the worst sneak thieves that have infested this locality in a long time.

"Have you ever been arrested before," asked the judge.

The prisoner admitted that he had previously been arrested twice.

"Did you ever serve a term of six months in the county jail," was the next question.

"No, I never did," was the answer.

"Are you sure you never served six months," said the judge, looking straight at the prisoner.

"No, it was ten months," said the prisoner shamefacedly.

"Now, you say you stole because you were drunk," continued the judge, "and

you say you never had a chance. The first time you stole you were let off without a sentence. That was one chance. The second time you stole you were let off. That was the second chance. And instead of making up your mind that you would do right you are here charged with stealing again.

"You say," continued the judge, "that you stole because you were drunk and did not know what you were doing. Drunkenness is never an excuse for a crime. You ought to take the cure."

"Now I am going to give you the best chance you ever had to keep from getting drunk," said the judge, looking the prisoner straight in the eye. "I am going to send you to the reformatory at Jeffersonville for from one to eight years. You may get out in one year if you behave and you may have to stay there eight years."

Sheriff Takes Him.

The prisoner was then ordered taken in custody by the sheriff, and, crushed with the realization that he would have to spend the next year or two in the reformatory, he left the court room. Kolonski is evidently a physical and mental "short weight." He apparently is totally without many qualities. He is physically and mentally deficient, and the judge, in the opinion of those who were in the court room at the time, was giving him the best chance he ever had when he sent him to the reformatory.

BALL LEAGUE LOOKING PROMISING

The agitation which was started by the Hammond Athletic association, to organize a northern Indiana baseball league is bearing fruit. A call has been sent for a meeting to be held at Goshen on Jan. 27, and it will be attended by a representative of the local athletic association.

There is a widespread feeling that a league of this kind would be bound to succeed, and the local view of the situation is that, at least, two teams could represent the association against detached teams in various parts of the country and would supply "subs" for the association team which would represent the association in the league.

Charles Ketchell will represent the Hammond Athletic association at the Goshen meeting, and will urge the formation of a northern Indiana league. It is expected that a later meeting will be held, at which the summer schedule will be arranged.

Basketball still holds the interest of the members. The Two Spots won against the Gazooks by the score of 22 to 9, and the Indians defeated the Shooting Stars by the score of 28 to 7.

The lovers of indoor baseball are promised an interesting game next Sunday when the Logan Park Athletic club will meet the Hammond Athletic association on the local floor.

REITER GETS AFTER LAWYERS

Lake County Bar Association Will Investigate Records of Certain Lawyers in Lake County

REQUIREMENTS FOR A LAWYER

1. Must be a legal voter in the state.
2. Must be a man of good moral character.
3. Doesn't have to have any capital.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SALOONKEEPER

1. Must be a legal voter in the state.
2. Must be a man of good moral character.
3. Must not become intoxicated.
4. Must have capital.

THREE ARE UNDER BAN

Gary and Indiana Harbor Attorneys Are Under Surveillance.

Yesterday Judge Virgil S. Reiter, of the Lake superior court at Hammond, had a conference with Judge William McMahon, Attorney Fred Crumpacker and Attorney John F. Sawyer, the committee of the Lake County Bar association which examines applicants to the association, and advised them that there are a number of attorneys who are practicing before the Lake county bar who have not been regularly admitted to the bar.

DO NOT FILL THE BILL.

The judge also suggested that there are a number of attorneys in Lake county who do not come up to

the legal requirements that they shall be men of good moral character. The suggestion was made that the committee in the past had been a little lax in investigating the character of applicants to the bar.

The judge also indicated that in the future he would recognize only those attorneys who have been regularly admitted and who have filed their verified application to the Lake county bar.

EXAMINATION MORE RIGID.

The judge is said to have directed that a more rigid examination of the applicants be made and that the com-

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SUDDEN DEATH TO WHITING RESIDENT

Found Dead in Hotel Chair, Where He Had Been for Some Time.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Whiting, Ind., Jan. 20.—Sudden death overtook Michael Maher, a boilermaker of this city, yesterday morning while he was sitting in a chair in the Standard hotel on Front street. Nobody saw him die and it was not until he was dead for some time that he was found by Mrs. Maher, who stays at the hotel. People who went into and out thought him asleep and nobody attempted to disturb him. His peculiar position in the chair, however, led Mrs. Burk to believe that something was wrong with him and she attempted to wake him. He failed to respond and she then summoned help.

Coroner E. M. Shanklin of Hammond held the inquest yesterday and pronounced his death to be due to acute alcoholism and exposure. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made, the arrival of the dead man's brother being awaited. The brother is said to be the chief of police of Bloomington, Ill.

Wife Dying in Hospital.

Maher was a married man and his wife is now at St. Margaret's hospital in Hammond, where she was taken shortly after last Christmas. She is suffering with cancer and little hope is held out for her recovery. At 11 o'clock this morning she had not yet been notified of the death of her husband, and owing to her condition it was a question whether it would be advisable to tell her of it.

Maher was about 47 years old. He had been employed as a boilermaker in the Standard for many years. He and his wife resided on John street. They have no children.

After Mrs. Maher had been taken to St. Margaret's hospital Maher took quarters in the Standard hotel, but is said to have been drinking quite heavily of late. It has been some time since he visited his wife in the hospital, although he has inquired a number of times about her condition over the telephone.

SITUATION AT PLANT UNCHANGED

The situation at the Standard Steel Car plant is about the same today. There has been very little violence. The police have had several brushes with the strikers, in which it is said that Captain Hanlon was compelled to give a man by the name of Herman a whipping.

From all indications at the present time the local plant will be closed down. The reason for this is the lack of materials, and the officials claim that it is fortunate that the strike came at this time.

The plant will remain closed for an indefinite period of time, and the American employees who had no grievance against the company will be compelled to remain idle until more materials arrive.

It is freely admitted that the company would have managed to keep the plant going in spite of the difficulty in securing materials if the strike of the laborers had not made it advisable for them to close.

It is said that the union men at the plant are well satisfied with the money they are making and are not in sympathy with the strike. It is the foreign laborers who have been assigned to the malcontents from McKees Rocks, who have gone on the strike.

It is admitted that with the lack of materials the foreign laborers have not been able to make very much money, but the company thought it was best to give them something to do rather than to discharge them at this time, when a few months more would have made things so busy at the plant that there would have been plenty to do and the laborers would have been able to make good wages.

THE GENIAL CAP. WILL HOLD JOB

A rumor that has been going the rounds in railroad circles that Captain J. C. Downing, the local Monon agent, would resign his position and follow another line of work, was given the quietus today.

Captain Downing will not resign, and there is no occasion for such reports. A little logical reasoning would have shown this when the rumor first became current several weeks ago. Captain Downing is a fixture of the Monon, just as much as the roadbed is, and to separate him from the local station would be like a cup of coffee without any water in it. It is a matter of general gratification to railroad men and the people of Hammond, the ladies especially, to know that Captain Downing will stay.

ADVERTISE AND AGAIN IN THE TIMES.